



Superior Court of California

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VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT CELEBRATES COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH

In November, the Ventura Superior Court will join courts from throughout California in celebrating "Court Adoption and Permanency Month."

California Supreme Court Justice Ronald M. George, on behalf of the Judicial Council of California has proclaimed November as a month dedicated to further improving administration of justice for proceedings involving children and families.

Each year in California there are more than 545,000 reports of child abuse and neglect. There are more than 100,000 children in the state living apart from their families and 24 percent of children who enter non-kin foster care in California do not leave the foster care system within three years.

Approximately 8,900 children are freed for adoption each year and only 5,900 children are adopted annually throughout the state. In Ventura County, the Superior Court finalized 179 adoptions in the last fiscal year.

To promote Court Adoption and Permanency Month, the Ventura Superior Court will place a stronger emphasis on permanency planning and adoptions throughout the month of November.

During its calendar on November 15, 2002, the court will present special certificates and gifts to those families whose adoptions are before the court on that day. The press is invited to attend and help spread the powerful message that all children in our community need loving families.

On November 19, 2002, an Adoption and Permanency Information Fair will be held in the main courtyard of the Ventura County Government Center, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Members of the community are encouraged to attend and find out how to become an adoptive parent.

For more information about the Adoption and Permanency Information Fair contact Keri Griffith, Court Program Manager, by calling (805) 654-3051.

Individuals interested in pursuing adoption should contact David Weinreich, Adoption Supervisor with the Human Services Agency, by calling (805) 654-3436.

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